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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM   : [   ]
                 National Intelligence Officer for USSR

SUBJECT   : US Posture Toward Soviets on SALT
                 Compliance Issues

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1. On looking further into this morning's confusion
about what we've said to the Soviets about dismantling
etc., I learn the following from the Salt Support Staff:

     A. The only formal communications sent to the
     Soviets remains that of 23 August (attached). It
     does not tell them they are in full compliance. It
     says we find the "major requirements" of the Protocol
     "have been met," but that we want to have further
     discussion of detailed procedures at the September
     SCC meeting.

     B. The meeting last week was of the Compliance
Working Group of the Verification Panel. Your rep
is [   ] The
meeting discussed the instructions to our SCC Com-
missioner Graybeal for the September session. NSC
Staff is drafting; no text has reached us yet. [   ]
expects the instructions will call for discussing
procedures regarding the ABM treaty and dismantling/
destruction, but for avoiding the inscription of any
agenda item under the rubric compliance.

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2. Seems to me this tactic is designed to put the
dismantling/destruction problem in a perspective of general
but not total USG satisfaction and to enable us to say, in
response to possible questions, that we are not discussing
compliance issues with the USSR. This would be congruent
with the contigency press guidance (also attached).

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Attachment
    a/s

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cc: D/DCI/NI
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